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1. [REDACTED] reported that Kirk and [REDACTED] had visited the Office of Communications yesterday to spend an hour or so at the Signal Center. He said that Kirk seemed to be very impressed with the rate at which the group counts had gone up in the past few months and was very interested in our total workload.

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2. I talked with [REDACTED] again about the Daily News' request of GSA to supply them with the names of all of the subcontractors at our new building site. I told him that insofar as I could make out this was a question for Tompkins & Jones to decide; furthermore, inasmuch as this was not a classified matter he should tell GSA that insofar as we knew there was no reason why Tompkins & Jones couldn't supply such information to the Daily News if they wanted to but that it certainly would be inappropriate for us or GSA to furnish the list if Tompkins & Jones declined to do so. H

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3. Based upon conversations that I had with Ed Saunders and Bob Macy, I learned that the Bureau of the Budget, after a conference with the President, has raised our Fiscal Year 1962 Reserve to \$ [REDACTED] in lieu of the [REDACTED] previously agreed upon. The Bureau also advised us that in the course of this meeting the President indicated that he would like to have the next few requests for releases from the Reserve brought over to him for his review so that he might get a better idea as to the kinds of things the Reserve was used for and have an opportunity to offer suggestions. 25X1A1A

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5. I advised Bob Amory that after conferring with Emmett Echols we would recommend to General Cabell the discontinuance of the requirement that Deputy Directors personally approve of the EOD processing and the actual entry on duty of all applicants above the grade GS-7 level. H

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6. [REDACTED] buzzed me to say that he had spoken to the Director about the recent memorandum which I had written stating that we were not reviewing the DD/P budget and that the Director had said that he did not intend to do anything further about this at the present time. I suppose, therefore, that this is the end of the matter without any change in current procedures. STATOTHR

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